

Amendment to the Specification

Please insert the following new paragraph at the first line of the first page of the specification after the title.

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a nationalization of PCT application PCT/JP2004/009624 filed on June 30, 2004, claiming priority based on Japanese Application No. 2003-193786 filed on July 8, 2003, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

On page 153, please amend the second paragraph as follows:

To 100 parts of the polymer [P1] obtained in Production Example 1, 10 parts of a silica filler (AEROSIL R974: available from NIPPON AEROSIL CO., LTD.), a surface tack modifier (II) (the type and the amount are shown in Table 3), and 1 part of an antioxidant (IRGANOX 1010: available from CIBA SPECIALTY CHEMICALS) were combined, and blended well using a three arm paint roller. 3.5 parts of a chain siloxane (comprising 5 hydrosilyl groups on average and 5 α -methylstyrene groups on average in the molecule) was added as the curing agent, 0.02 parts of a platinum catalyst (1,1,3,3-tetramethyl-1,3-divinyl disiloxane complex of a zero-valent platinum), and 0.07 parts of a curing retardant

(3,5-dimethyl-1-hexyne-3-ol) were added and stirred and mixed well. The curable composition was degassed well in a vacuum oven at 50°C, and then filled into a stainless metal mold, press vulcanized at a temperature of 180°C for 10 minutes, and then secondary vulcanization was carried out at 180°C for 22 hours. The cured product sheet of about 2 mm thick obtained as such was punched out into No. 2(1/3) dumbbell specimens (JIS K 7113), and tensile physical property was evaluated (using a SHIMADZU authograph; measurement temperature: 23°C; ~~tensile rate: 200 mm/sec~~) tensile rate: 200 mm/min. The result is shown in Table 3.